



Catawba County

The Backpack Program

Providing Food for Students When School is Out



The Mission

To provide weekend nourishment to students in Catawba County who face hunger on the weekends. The program provides breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks each weekend of the school year.



Did You Know that over 10,000 children in Catawba County are food insecure?

Did you know that YOU can make a difference?

Your **TIME** can be used to pack backpacks with food, deliver backpacks of food to schools, sort food, or collect food for the program. Volunteers from local churches, businesses, and organizations join together every week to pack and deliver backpacks to schools. Hickory Soup Kitchen provides our warehouse.

Your **TREASURE** can be used to sponsor a child to receive the program this school year. The Backpack Program is 90% paid for by the local community and 10% paid for by Catawba County. The program relies on donations of food and funds to function.

\$100

Sponsors a Child for an Entire School Year

The Backpack Program relies on our local school systems, local grocers, other local non-profits, volunteers, and donors. It is truly a community-led initiative to serve children who face hunger.

Come Join the movement and help us remove hunger as a barrier to a good education!

**Donations should be made payable to
Catawba County - Backpack Program
and mailed to:**

PO BOX 669 Newton, NC 28658

All donations are tax deductible and will be reciprocated with a receipt and letter of thanks!

Call to volunteer or coordinate a food drive!

(828) 695-5648

